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# **L Kids: They're Worth Every Penny**



## **Not All Kids Get Their Legally Mandated Child Support**

**Free Help  
Is Available**

Department of Social and Rehabilitation  
Services

Child Support Enforcement Division

P.O. Box 5955

Helena, Montana 59604

## What Is The Child Support Enforcement Program?

The Child Support Enforcement Division (CSED) is designed to locate responsible parents and obtain from them financial as well as medical support for their children. The CSED is administered by the Montana Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services. CSED provides the following services:

- Location of responsible parents
- Establishment of paternity of children born out-of-wedlock
- Establishment of child support orders
- Establishment of medical support
- Enforcement and collection of support payments
- Enforcement of medical support
- Enforcement of spousal support

The Child Support Enforcement Division works closely with the following agencies and officials to provide these services:

- Internal Revenue Service
- Montana Department of Revenue
- District Court Judges
- Contracting Attorneys
- Montana Department of Motor Vehicles
- Federal Parent Locator Service
- Clerks of the District Court
- Sheriffs
- Child Support Agencies
- Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement
- Credit Reporting Agencies
- Unemployment Insurance
- Workers' Compensation
- Lottery

## Who Is Eligible To Receive CSED Services?

- AFDC recipients
- Medicaid-Only recipients
- IV-D Foster Care recipients
- Parents with minor children who need or are owed support

Families receiving assistance under Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) receive CSED services automatically. Payments collected for

AFDC and Foster Care families go toward reimbursing the state and federal government for assistance payments made to them.

Up to the first \$50.00 of support collected each month is forwarded to AFDC families. Families not receiving AFDC payments may apply for services in the local child support office serving their region. Child support payments collected for Non-AFDC applicants go directly to the family.

## **What Are Some Of The Ways Support Is Collected?**

- A portion of a responsible parent's paycheck may be withheld by his/her employer through a process called automatic income withholding.
- Liens may be placed on any real or personal property owned by the responsible parent.
- The responsible parent's state and federal income tax refunds may be intercepted.
- A portion of the responsible parent's unemployment benefits may be intercepted.
- The responsible parent may be required to post a bond with the court to insure payment of support.
- A writ of execution can be used to seize bank accounts, savings, bonuses, etc.
- A portion of the responsible parent's workers' compensation benefits may be intercepted.

## **What Can Be Done If These Methods Can't Be Used?**

- The responsible parent's name may be sent to credit reporting agencies to prevent him or her from obtaining additional credit.
- An action may be filed in district court to cite the responsible parent for contempt of court.

## **What Kind Of Information Is Needed To Collect Child Support?**

The responsible parent's address, social security number, date of birth, employer, bank account, property holdings and investments are sources of information that are needed to successfully obtain, enforce or collect a support obligation.



## **Where Can I Find This Information?**

- Old insurance policies
- Credit cards/applications
- State and federal tax returns
- Past employers or business associates
- Hospital records
- Police records
- Friends or relatives of the responsible parent

## **What If I Can't Find This Information And Don't Know Where The Responsible Parent Lives or Works?**

If you cannot provide the social security number you can provide the responsible parent's date of birth, place of birth, father's name, and mother's maiden name the following agencies can be contacted:

- Social Security Administration
- Internal Revenue Service
- Veterans Administration
- Department of Defense / Armed Forces
- Selective Service Administration

If a social security number is provided all state and federal files can be accessed. Finding a responsible parent through these sources may take several months.

## **What If The Responsible Parent Lives In Another State?**

The same location resources and the same services are available in all states. Interstate cases are more difficult and generally take longer. However, with new federal legislation and more computer links between states, interstate enforcement of child support is improving.

## **If You Should Be Receiving Child Support, You Are Eligible For Free Child Support Services**

Contact one of the following Child Support offices: Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS)

Department of SRS  
Child Support Enforcement Division  
Montana Bldg., Suite 210  
503 1st Avenue North  
Great Falls, Montana 59401  
(406) 761-7675

Department of SRS  
Child Support Enforcement Division  
East Mall, Executive Village  
Butte, Montana 59701  
(406) 723-5409

Department of SRS  
Child Support Enforcement Division  
1826 Grand Ave., Suite A.  
Billings Montana 59102  
(406) 652-3080

Department of SRS  
Child Support Enforcement Division  
2501 Catlin, Suite 208  
Missoula, Montana 59801  
(406) 721-1541

### **IV-D Interstate Clients Only**

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Child Support Enforcement Division  
Old Livestock Bldg.  
P.O. Box 5955  
Helena, Montana 59604  
(406) 444-3890

**Collecting Child Support Payments Is A Top Priority Of The Montana Child Support Enforcement Division!**

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